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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

Section 1, Special Br. *English*

REPORT

Date February 25, 1938.

Subject Samuel L. Altclass.

Made by D. S. Larby

Forwarded by C. Crawford

With reference to the attached communication addressed to the Commissioner of Police from one, Samuel L. Altclass, this individual, who is of Jewish extraction, was born in Warsaw, Poland, on May 13, 1915.

Within a year of his birth, Altclass was taken by his parents to Vladivostok, where the family resided for the duration of the Great War, subsequent to the conclusion of which, this ^{place} place of residence alternated between Harbin and Tientsin, the latter city being the one in which Altclass obtained his education which does not appear to be of a very high standard.

In 1931, accompanied by his mother, brother and step-father, Altclass left Tientsin and proceeded to Shanghai where he has since resided. His step-father is one, Leo Roujansky, an unemployed salesman, who is well known to the police forces of both the International Settlement and the French Concession as a notorious pickpocket with a number of convictions to his credit. His brother, Boris Altclass, formerly served in the Shanghai Volunteer Corps but resigned some two years ago when he acquired Soviet citizenship and returned to Russia where he is now working as a motor mechanic in Tashkent.

In 1932, Altclass became apprenticed with the firm of Linotype & Machinery, Ltd., 160, Avenue Edward VII, where he has since been continuously employed; he now occupies the position of mechanic in the engineering department at a monthly salary of \$75.00.

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With regard to his knowledge of the printing trade in all its aspects, Mr. H. Ellis, Manager of Linotype & Machinery Ltd., has informed the undersigned that while Altclass has an excellent knowledge of the engineering side of the printing business, he cannot possess the abilities implied in the attached letter. Mr. Ellis intimated, however, that if the services of a foreman mechanic were required in the printing department of Ward Road Gaol, he would have no hesitation in recommending Altclass for such a position.

During his residence in Shanghai, Altclass has taken an active interest in sport, particularly Association Football: nothing of a nature detrimental to his name is contained in the records of the Municipal Police.

R. H. Lashby
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D.C. (Special Branch)

P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

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Mr. S. Altolass,
64 Route Pichon,
House No.2,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

With regard to your application dated
February 17, 1938, I regret that there is no vacancy
suitable for you in the Police or Gaol Staffs at the
present time.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) K. M. Bourne.

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL GAOL.

February 26th, 1938.

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D. C. (G-~~100~~),

S. M. Police.

With reference to the attached I do not think he would be a suitable man for the Gaol staff owing to the possibility of his step-father being convicted of some offence and having to serve his sentence in this Gaol and there is no possibility of a vacancy in the Printing Dept.

Grant

Deputy Governor of S. M. Gaol
in charge.

17th February, 1938.

The Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
Foochow Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of offering my services to you in your C. I. D., as an investigator on printed newspaper and printed matters. My reason for making this application is that I understand that during the past several months there came to your attention several cases for investigation newspaper, magazines etc., which are detrimental to the welfare of the International Settlement. These require the services of men with knowledge of reading type-faces, the kind of presses the news are printed on.

I am a Jew, single, can read and write Russian as well as English. At present I am an employee of Linotype & Machinery Ltd., have been with the company for the past six years. I am now twenty-three years of age. Physically, I am strong and healthy which is essential to the S. M. P.

Will you please pass this application your kind perusal and give me a chance to prove the value of my services I am offering.

Yours respectfully,

S. Altclass.

S. Altclass,
64 Route Pichon
House No. 2,
Shanghai.

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P. A. to D. C. (S. M. P.)